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which locates accurately for the first time all of the principal frontier settlements of northwestern New Spain. The typographical excellence of the work is worthy of mention, and the modern scholarly aids in the way of bibliography and index are unusually complete. The work may well be considered a masterpiece in the historical literature relating to the Spanish régime in the Americas.

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NEWS ITEMS

John N. Simpson, prominent business man of Dallas, died in that city June 26, 1920.

Mr. H. W. McGee of Marshall presented to the Association a copy of a *National Register* extra, published at Washington, April 16, 1845, and containing the proclamation of President Anson Jones, convening the congress of the Republic in extra session.

Rev. Johannes Mgebroff, author of *Geschichte der ersten deutschen evangelisch-Lutherischen Synode in Texas*, died at his home near Brenham, May 22, 1920.

Edgar Rye, author of *The Quirt and the Spur: Vanishing Shadows of the Texas Frontier*, died at Los Angeles, California, June 7, 1920.

John W. Sansom, author of a pamphlet entitled *Battle of Nueces River*, died at his home in San Antonio, June 19, 1920.

Who Was "Democrat"?—During an investigation by the State Printing Board, at Austin, September 5, 1882, of certain charges filed against the State Printer, the following facts were brought out concerning a pamphlet addressed "To the people of Texas" and signed "Democrat." It was written by Adjutant-General W. H. King, and printed by the State Printer during August, 1882. The pamphlet embraces twelve octavo pages, and presents an interesting, though partisan, resume of the political history of Texas from 1870 to 1882.

E. W. WINKLER.

Authorship of a Pamphlet by Curtius.—The library of the University of Texas recently acquired a pamphlet entitled: "Texas.

A brief account of the origin, progress and present state of the colonial settlements of Texas; together with an exposition of the causes which have induced the existing war with Mexico. Extracted from a work entitled, 'A geographical, statistical and historical account of Texas,' now nearly ready for the press. Some of these numbers have appeared in the New Orleans Bee and Bulletin. Nashville: Printed by S. Nye & Co., 1836." 8vo., 16 pp. The preface is signed "Curtius"; this pseudonym also appears at the end of the text. The text is addressed "to an impartial world," and is divided into numbers I-IV.

A comparison of the text of this pamphlet with the text of the first twelve pages of an "Address of the Honorable Wm. H. Wharton, delivered in New York, on Tuesday, April 26, 1836," shows that entire paragraphs in the two publications are substantially identical in language. Without further proof one would conclude that Wm. H. Wharton and "Curtius" are the same. In a letter from Wm. H. Wharton to Henry Smith, dated Nashville, February 7, 1836, he says, "I have also published and sent on my Curtius pamphlet."

The "Curtius" pamphlet was written in December, 1835, and was published at Nashville about February 1, 1836. Several errors in the pamphlet are corrected in the address, and in one instance a misprint in the address is cleared up by the pamphlet.

In a note to the statement, quoted from Wharton's letter to Smith, Dr. Garrison says, "For what was doubtless the matter of this pamphlet, see *Telegraph and Texas Register* for February 27, 1836." The number of the *Telegraph* referred to had transferred to its columns from those of the New Orleans Bee Number 1 only of the four numbers constituting the complete pamphlet.

What became of the "work entitled 'A geographical, statistical and historical account of Texas,' now nearly ready for the press," cited in the title of the Curtius pamphlet?

E. W. WINKLER.